

Appl. No. 10/731,333
Docket No. 9133M
Amtd. dated November 2, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed on August 2, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended herewith to specify the nature of the polymeric/oligomeric portion of the functionalized material. Basis is at page 6, lines 30-33 and Claims 3 and 11. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to specify that the functionalized material comprises both sulfonate and carboxylate moieties. Basis is at page 8, lines 16-25 and in the Examples (beginning page 17) which are both sulfated and carboxylated.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 10, 11 and 19 have been cancelled herewith, without prejudice, as being redundant in view of the aforesaid amendments. Various other claims have been amended to recite their correct dependencies and to correct matters of grammar.

It is submitted that all amendments are fully supported and entry is requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of the objection to claim 18 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph of Claims 2-8 and 19 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and/or 103(a) over Kong.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102/103

All claims stand rejected under §102(a,e) or, in the alternative, §103(a) over Roberts et al.. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 9 to more specifically characterize the functionalized non-ethylenic based material or a vinyl based material to be selected from lignins, polyvinylalcohols, polyaspartates and mixtures thereof. Applicants submit that Roberts et al. does not teach or suggest the use of such materials. As such Applicant request that the rejection under §102(a,e) or, in the alternative, §103(a) over Roberts et al. be withdrawn.

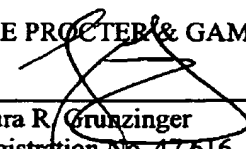
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In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action in the case is requested. Applicants' attorney invites the Examiner to contact her regarding any questions he may have in connection to the above referenced case.

Respectfully submitted,

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